L'Ermitage August 19th
1824

My dear Brother

The Gentleman who bears you this is Mr Parke the Consul at Rome for England — you will remember my frequent mention of his kind attention and friendship to me in my Roman = life. — He goes to Paris & wishes to purchase a Picture for the Gallery — I pray you to exert yourself to give him satisfaction — the same as if it were for me ——

I am now writing my Vintage Letter — some 15 miles from Rome — it is a most beautiful country

and I am making quick movements for
Landscapes — my Father is like to be
pleased to hear this, and will be
sure that I shall do a nice "useful
bit for himself" —

My Visitors will certainly make
a pretty thing — but I find some difficulty in making the fair Abbandonnes and their pretty faces — they think being painted is really entirely — or being "drawn" is being drawn into a snare — or "being taken off" is really being run away with — but I have got some kind Ladies who make my Sketches — as I shall accomplish it

Adieu — Your Sattisfied Brother
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